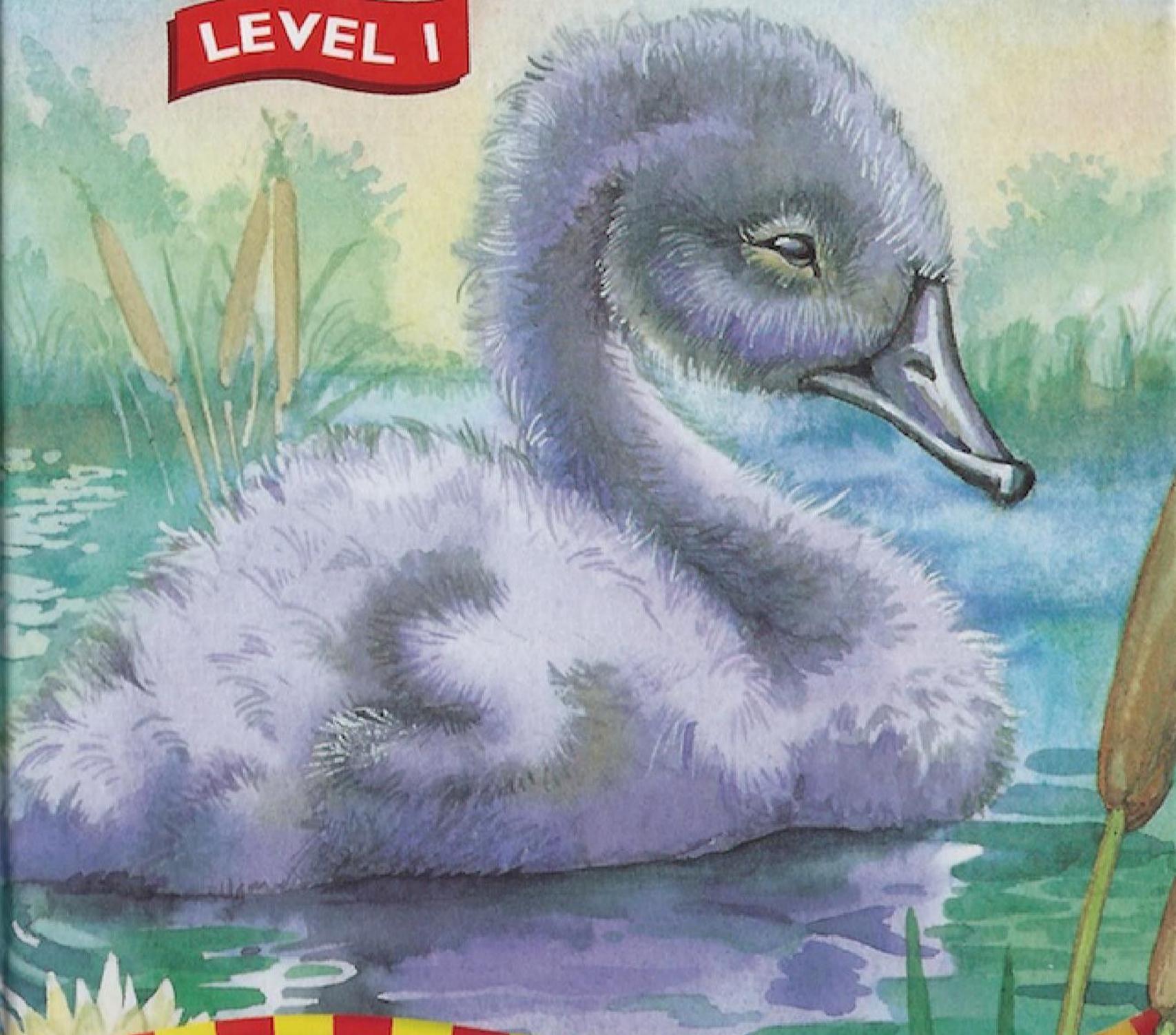


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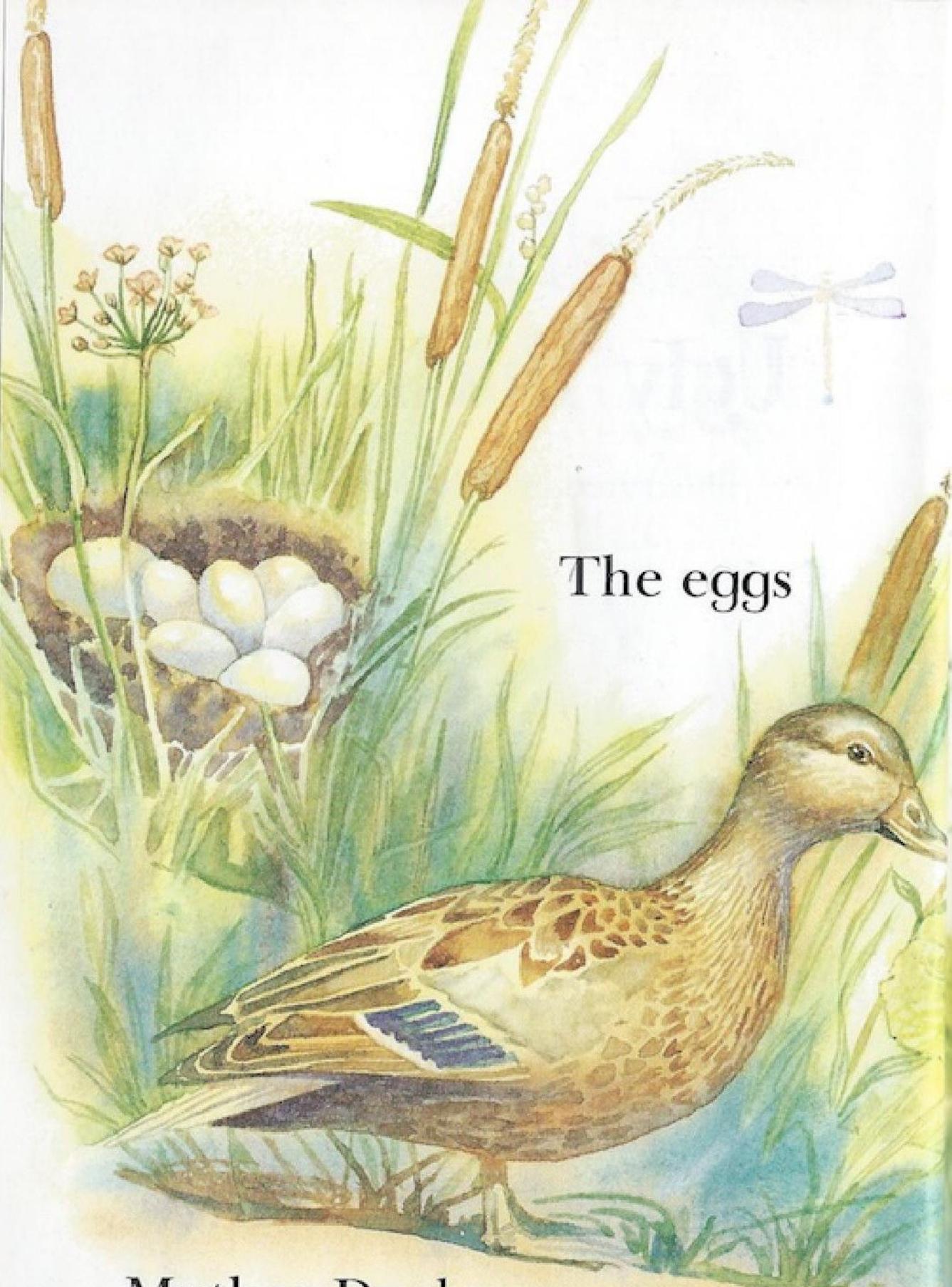
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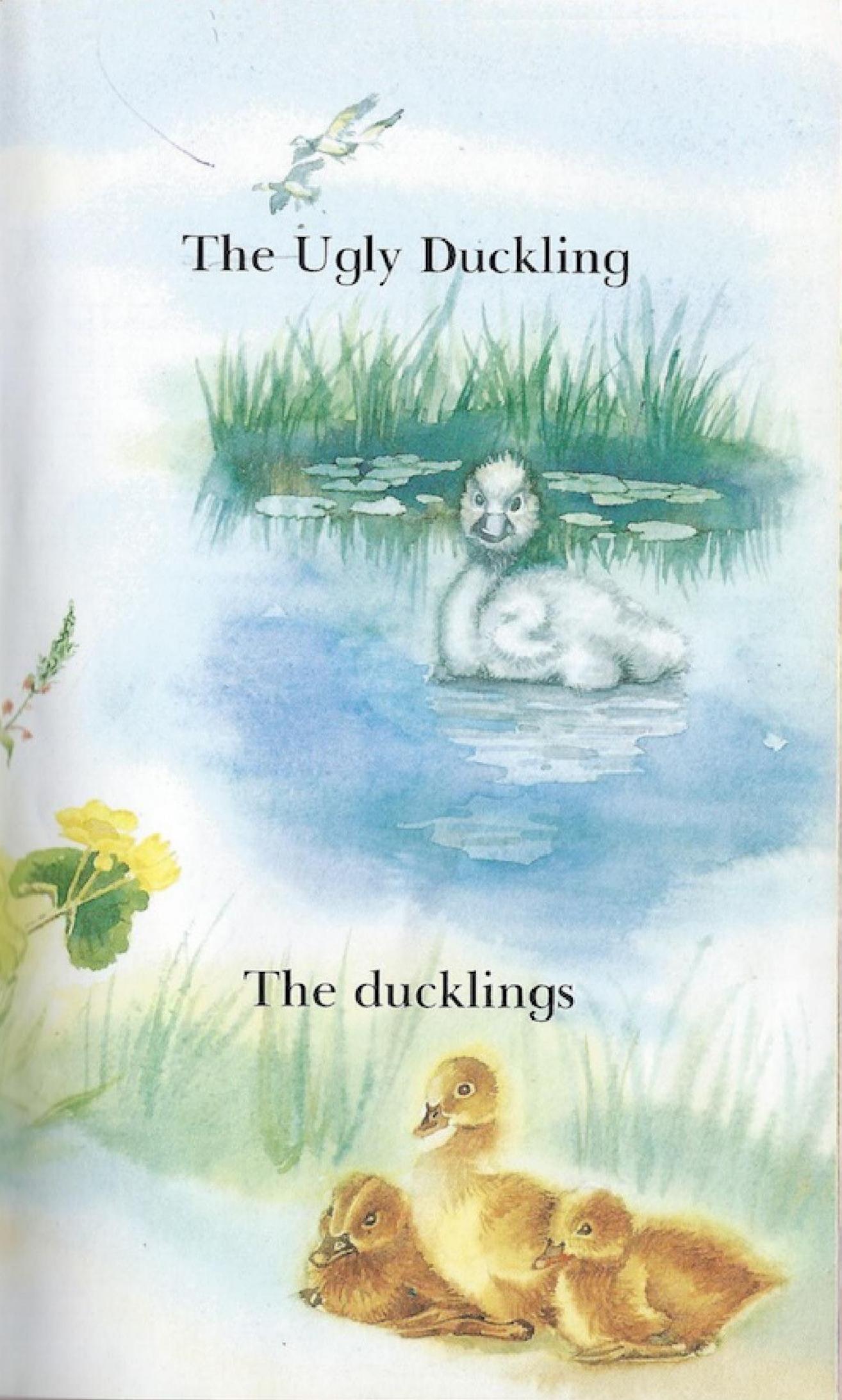
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The eggs

Mother Duck



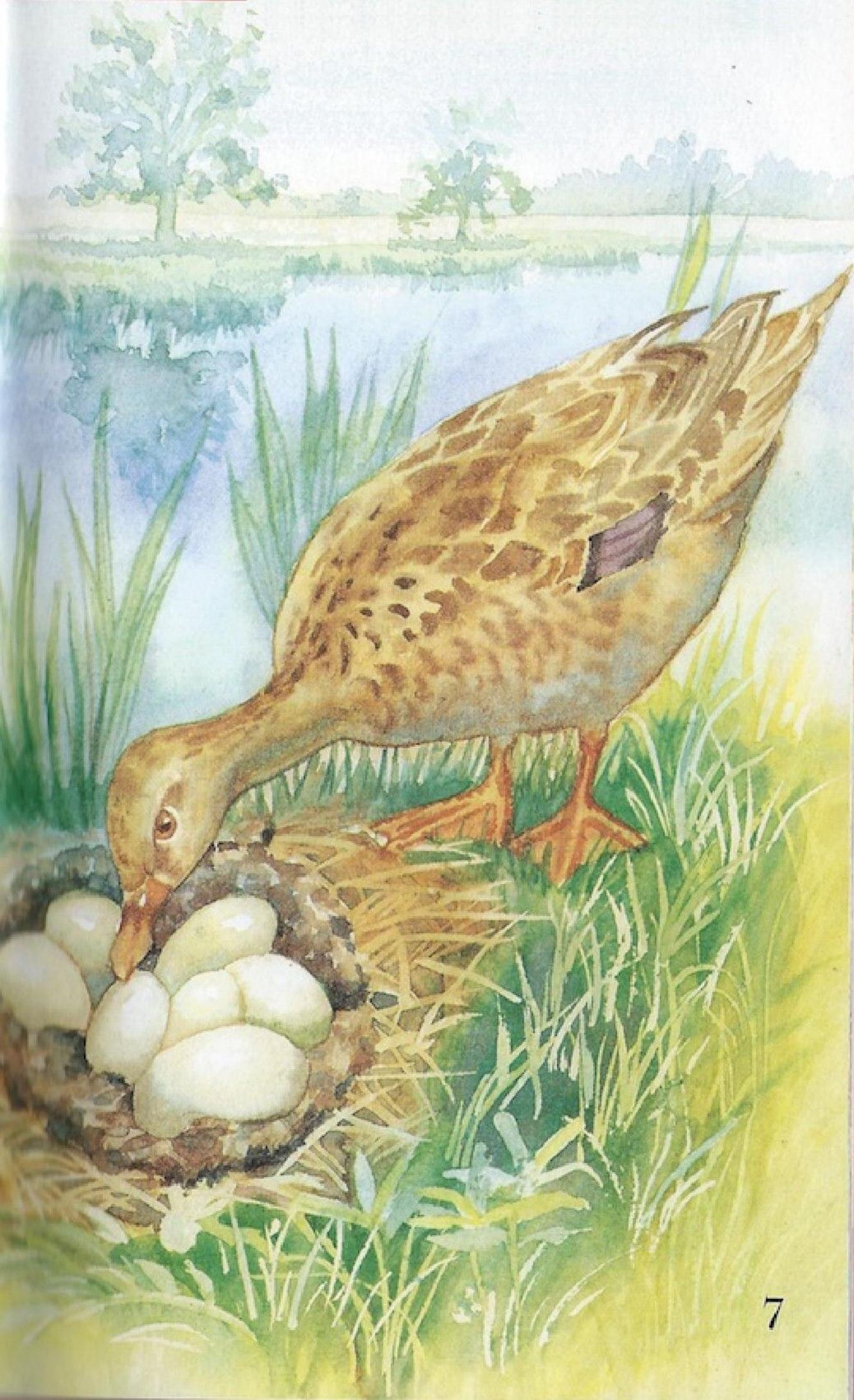
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The ducklings



Once upon a time
there were seven eggs.





Six ducklings were
beautiful.

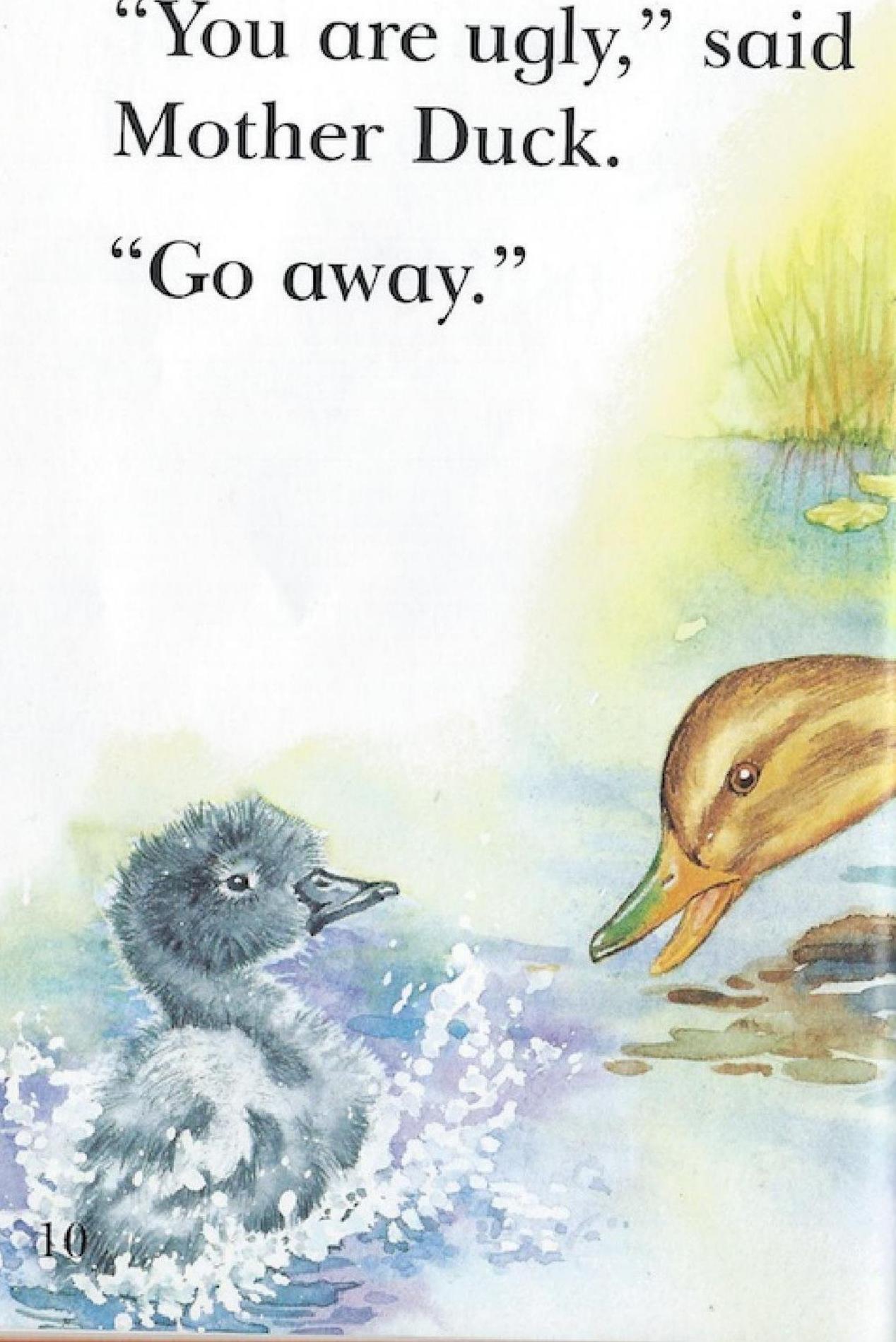
One duckling
was not.





“You are ugly,” said
Mother Duck.

“Go away.”





The Ugly Duckling
met a cow.

“You are ugly,”
said the cow.

“Go away.”

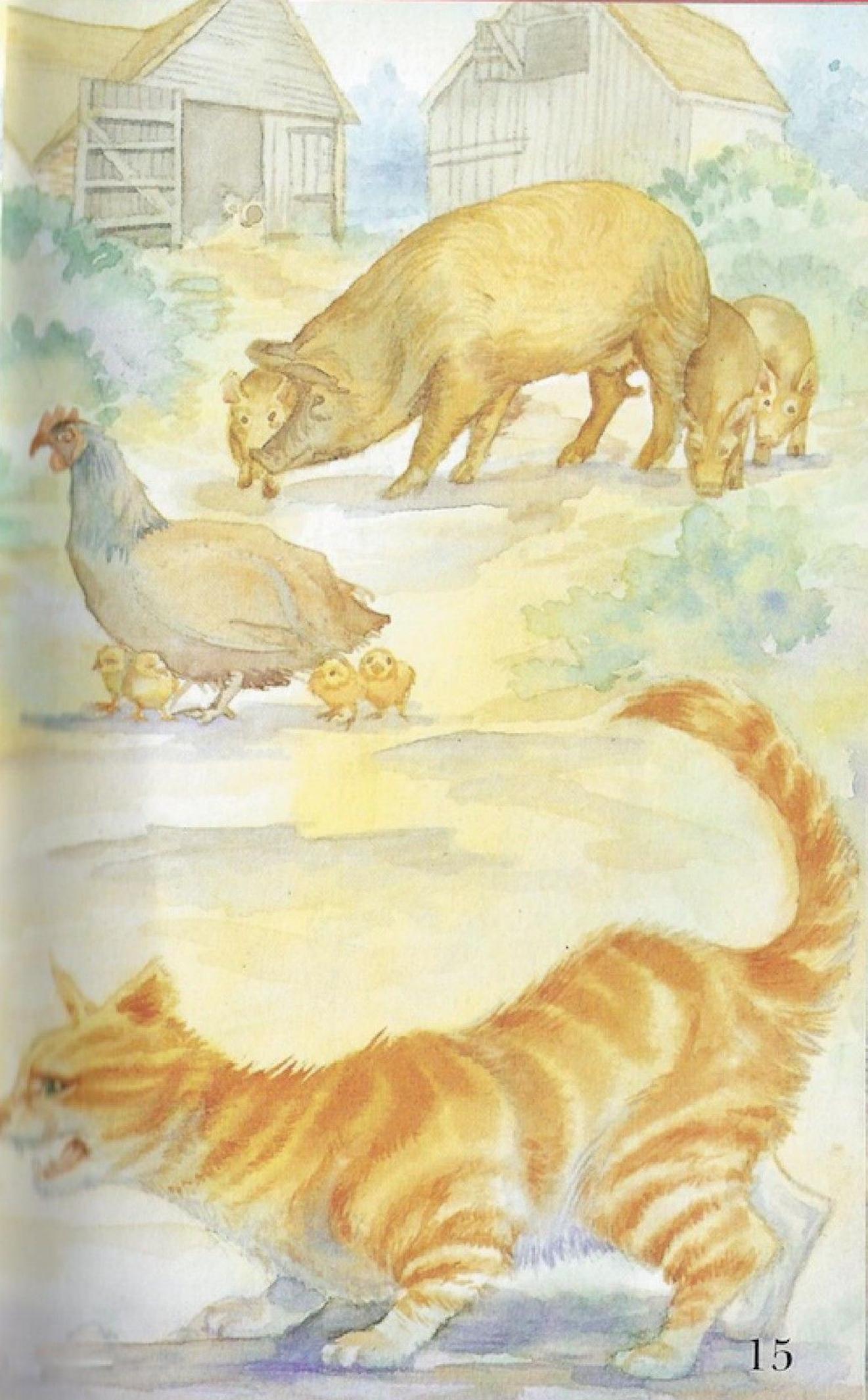


The Ugly Duckling
met a cat.

“You are ugly,”
said the cat.

“Go away.”





The Ugly Duckling
met a rabbit.

“You are ugly,”
said the rabbit.

“Go away.”



The Ugly Duckling
met a boy.

“You are ugly,”
said the boy.

“Go away.”





The Ugly Duckling
met a girl.

“You are ugly,”
said the girl.

“Go away.”





The Ugly Duckling
was all alone.

He was very sad.





One day, the Ugly Duckling saw some beautiful swans.

“Look in the water,” said the swans.





“You are beautiful,”
said the swans.

“Come with us.”

And he did.





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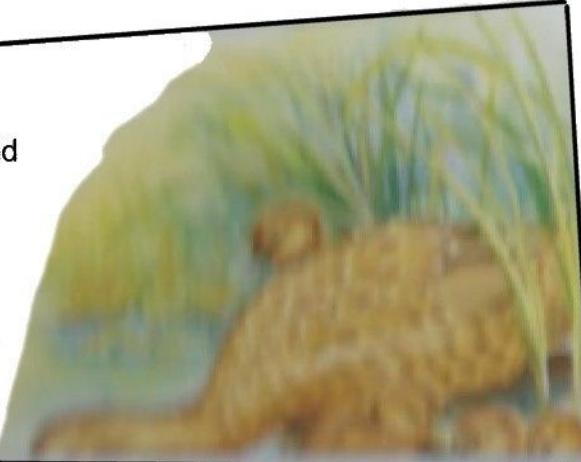
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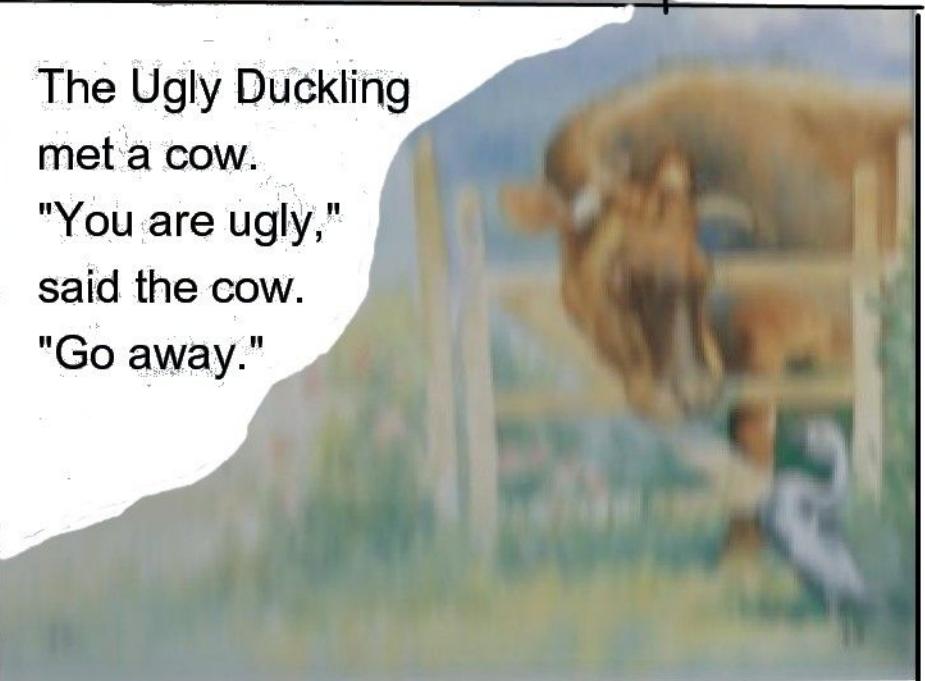
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- Essential vocabulary for early reading
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- Repeated phrases
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- Close match between pictures and words



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Mother Duck.
"Go away."



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